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United States Attorney Ed Kubo was nominated by President George W. Bush on September 4, 2001, and thereafter confirmed by the U.S. Senate. He is the highest federal law enforcement officer (O-8 equivalent) in the Middle and South Pacific area, and heads an office of approximately 70 members. He oversees all federal criminal investigations and civil lawsuits involving the military in Hawaii.

Each military branch is stationed in Hawaii, and protection of their interest is a top priority for Kubo. He is a senior member of the Department of Justice Military Issues/Affairs Subcommittee, a fact-finding policy group that advises the U.S. Attorney General on issues facing our military and recommends how DoJ may assist DoD on a variety of issues.

Kubo led the development of Hawaii's Law Enforcement Information Exchange System (LInX) with the Navy to better detect Terrorism and Organized Crimes. This integrated database allows agencies to share vital law enforcement information. Kubo worked toward establishing the national LInX program and on appropriation for its creation in Hawaii. He assembled the principals for its Steering Committee, and was its first Chairman. Hawaii-LInX is tremendously successful and has even solved a murder in Hawaii.

Kubo founded the Wounded Warrior Support Program that assists Hawaii's injured service members during their recovery. These Wounded Warriors have been given free admission to many University of Hawaii sport events, and Wii Playstations to assist their mobile recuperation. Kubo recruits community contributors to this program. He advocates DoJ's support for the DoD's Wounded Warrior Program, and he has developed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Army's AW2 program to share resource information from his Victim-Witness Assistance Unit, in order to help our injured military service members deal with PTSD, temporary housing, government assistance, and other issues.

Kubo assists our military with understanding the evidentiary requirements for convicting militants and insurgents, now that the Iraqi Courts are running. To assist Soldiers and Marines obtain the necessary skills for this goal, a Sensitive Site Exploitation Training Course was developed with law enforcement assistance, to train troops on identifying evidence in the battlefield and how to recover and preserve it, interviewing techniques, and post-blast investigations. This program has been videotaped and is on DVD for distribution to other military units across the nation.

Kubo created an Identity Theft Initiative in Hawaii which protects military victims. He has lowered federal thresholds and has instructed the NCIS, CID and OSI to submit all military identity theft cases for conferral and Federal prosecution. He publicly announced a "Military Identity Theft Initiative,"

and has been aggressively prosecuting cases where identity theft victims are military members or their families.

Kubo has partnered with the DoD's Employer Support for the Guard and Reserves (ESGR), and has received its Patriot Award and their Seven Seals Award. He has also signed a Five-Star Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve. Additionally, he has been awarding Certificates of Patriotism to Employers who have assisted their activated employees. He has given press conferences providing public awareness of the rights of our military members under USERRA and SCRA. He developed an outreach program advising members of legal information surrounding their activation or deployment, and he has developed two booklets on the rights of Guard and Reserves in the workforce.

Kubo created and chairs the Crimes on Government Reservations (CGR) Task Force, which includes all military investigating agency heads, along with Honolulu Police and FBI. This Task Force shares information on crimes committed on military installations, and discusses how federal prosecutors can assist military investigators.

Kubo established a "Military Corner" on his U.S. Attorney's Website, containing valuable information on the rights of military members, publishes cases protecting the military, and warnings on scams being committed on veterans and families. The visits to this website are significant and it has been adopted by other U.S. Attorneys in the Nation.

Kubo oversees FBI and Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) investigations, and regularly reviews terrorism intelligence reports. He chairs Hawaii's Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council (ATAC) which includes more than 17 local-state-federal-military agencies, and facilitates seminars and training on global terrorism issues and trends. He has given speeches and presentations on Terrorism to military, government, international and community groups.

Kubo has received Letters of Commendation from Thomas W. O'Connell, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Special Operations, Low Intensity Conflict, for contributions in support of Department of Defense programs relating to the Global War on Terrorism and the War on Drugs (12 April 07), and from Richard J. Douglas, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Counternarcotics, Counterproliferation, and Global Threats, for support to Joint Interagency Task Force West, dedicated contributions to reducing the threat of drugs, and for interagency collaboration (26 Sep 07).

Finally, Kubo was named the 2008 Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Honolulu 200 Club, and was named one of the Heroes of Hawaii for 2007 by Hawaii Reporter. He has also received numerous national and community awards, including the 2008 Law and Order Award for Outstanding Service from the Honolulu Elks Lodge, the Visitor Aloha Society Outstanding Community Service Award, the National Police Honor Award for Public Service, the McGuire Award for outstanding contributions to law enforcement, the Mayor's Big Island Helping Our Communities Award for outstanding contribution to the fight against drug abuse, the Hawaii State Bar Association Justice Award for outstanding work in the community, the Hawaii Joint Police Association Hall of Fame for lifetime contributions to Hawaii's law enforcement, and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Trailblazer Award for substantial contributions to the Asian Pacific American community.